UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re:	BKY No. 09-50779
Dennis E. Hecker,	
Debtor.	
Randall L. Seaver, Trustee,	ADV No. 10-5032
Plaintiff,	
vs.	
Dennis E. Hecker and Christi M. Rowan,	
Defendants.	

AMENDED COMPLAINT

Randall L. Seaver, Trustee ("**Trustee**") of the Bankruptcy Estate of Dennis E. Hecker, as and for his Complaint against Defendants Dennis E. Hecker ("**Hecker**") and Christi M. Rowan ("**Rowan**"), states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Trustee is the duly appointed Chapter 7 Trustee of the bankruptcy estate of Hecker.
- 2. This bankruptcy case was commenced on June 4, 2009, by the filing of a voluntary Chapter 7 petition.
- 3. This adversary proceeding is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. §§157 and 1334 and Bankruptcy Rule 5005. This proceeding arises under 11 U.S.C. §§105, 521(a)(4) and 542.

4. At the time of filing, Hecker possessed an interest in life insurance policies. He scheduled certain policies in his Schedule B. The Hecker list of the policies, from Hecker's schedules, is attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Scheduled Policies").

5. As to the cash value of the Scheduled Policies, at item B9 of his Schedule B, Hecker declared, under penalty of perjury, the following:

"9. Interests in insurance policies. Name insurance company of each policy and itemize surrender or refund value of each.

See Exhibit B (9) attached hereto. Some policies held by trusts. Records seized by debtor believes one policy has cash surrender value.

- \$12,000.00"

- 6. For the "one policy with cash surrender value" of \$12,000.00, Hecker claimed an \$8,400.00 exemption.
- 7. On or about July 16, 2010, the Trustee learned that Hecker had deposited a \$30,000.00 insurance check at 21st Century Bank and that the bank had, after opening the account, frozen the same and returned the funds to the Hecker.
- 8. The Trustee subsequently learned that Hecker had obtained the \$30,000 insurance check from Prudential Life Insurance Company. A copy of the \$30,000 check is attached as Exhibit B.
- 9. The Trustee further learned that Hecker had obtained the \$30,000 check by converting property of the bankruptcy estate through a surrender of, or loan against, Prudential Policy 98 831 668. A copy of a facsimile transmission sent on Hecker's behalf from the law firm of Chestnut Cambronne to Prudential Life Insurance Company containing a "request for policy loan" for that policy is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

- 10. An e-mail string evidencing that the \$30,000.00 was property of the bankruptcy estate is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 11. After Hecker opened an account at 21st Century Bank and deposited the \$30,000 Prudential check (which he had converted), 21st Century Bank became concerned. A copy of an e-mail exchange relating to some concerns of 21st Century Bank is attached hereto as Exhibit E.
- 12. Hecker had attempted to pay certain personal expenses with the 21st Century Bank account before it was frozen. Copies of checks Hecker drew in his attempts to effect payment are attached hereto as Exhibit F.
- 13. On June 18, 2010, Hecker received a \$30,000 cashier's check from 21st Century Bank representing the closure of the account. Hecker cashed the check and received \$30,000 in cash on June 18, 2010. Copies of the cashier's check, bank records, and the currency bands are attached hereto as Exhibit G.
- 14. The Trustee received information that Hecker was utilizing a check cashing service named "Your Exchange." On August 17, 2010, the Trustee filed a turnover motion seeking an order of this Court directing Your Exchange and Prudential to turnover records to the Trustee.
- 15. On or about August 27, 2010, the Trustee received documents from Your Exchange, which indicated that the Hecker and Rowan have been using Your Exchange to cash checks. The documents (redacted) from Your Exchange are attached hereto as Exhibit H.
- 16. Among the checks cashed by Hecker are four additional checks liquidating (or obtaining loans against) Prudential insurance policies which were property of the bankruptcy estate. Those checks are as follows:

	Date	Amount	Contract	Check Number
A.	6/18/10	\$28,689.42	77 920 928	1641552008
B.	6/18/10	\$29,055.00	94 550 029	1740164944
C.	6/18/10	\$36,750.00	94 602 336	1740164946
D.	6/17/10	\$29,860.42	94 550 031	1740164894
	TOTAL:	124,354.84		

- 17. Upon information and belief, Hecker converted the Prudential check proceeds to cash, Western Union money orders and a preloaded Mastercard. Hecker thereafter provided Western Union money orders to Rowan.
- 18. Hecker has converted assets of this bankruptcy estate. Rowan has assisted Hecker in this endeavor.
- 19. On February 10, 2010, Hecker was indicted by a federal grand jury on various charges. Superseding indictments followed on March 9, 2010 (adding bankruptcy fraud) and July 13, 2010.
- 20. Pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court dated on April 12, 2010, public defenders were appointed to represent Hecker based, presumably, on his statements regarding his financial condition. A copy of the order is attached hereto as Exhibit I.
- 21. Based solely on those checks Hecker negotiated at Your Exchange, it appears that Hecker had over \$120,000.00 in his possession and control from June to August 2010. Upon information and belief, all or substantially all of those funds were property of the bankruptcy estate and were converted by Hecker to his own use.
- 22. Hecker's counsel, Barbara J. May, was confronted with the fact that Hecker had converted over \$120,000.00 of estate property. The email string attached hereto as Exhibit J evidences that Ms. May confirmed that the money was, in fact, property of the estate.
- 23. On or about September 16, 2010, Attorney May provided an additional \$15,000.00 to the Trustee.

- 24. Hecker pled guilty to the felonies of bankruptcy fraud and wire fraud on September 7, 2010.
- 25. Pursuant to the Trustee's request, Hecker provided an "accounting" of his use of the insurance proceeds. A copy of that document is attached hereto as Exhibit K. He has not accounted for over \$20,000.00 in funds converted by him.

COUNT I TURNOVER

- 26. The Prudential checks and the proceeds of the Prudential checks, and likely the Western Union money orders, are property of the bankruptcy estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §541.
- 27. Hecker is required to surrender that property to the Trustee under 11 U.S.C. \$521(a)(4).
- 28. Rowan is required to surrender proceeds of the Prudential checks to the Trustee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §542.

COUNT II UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 29. The Trustee realleges the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 30. Hecker has wrongfully retained property of the bankruptcy estate and has been unjustly enriched in excess of \$98,204.84.

COUNT III CONVERSION

- 31. The Trustee realleges the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 32. Hecker has converted bankruptcy estate property and has concealed the same from the Trustee.
 - 33. The Trustee has been damaged in excess of \$98,204.84 by Hecker's conversion.

COUNT IV CIVIL THEFT

- 34. The Trustee realleges the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 35. Hecker has committed civil theft pursuant to Minn. Stat. §604.14 which provides that "[a] person who steals personal property from another is liable to the owner of the property for its value when stolen plus punitive damages of either \$50.00 or up to 100 percent of its value when stolen, whichever is greater." In addition to \$98,204.84 in actual damages, the Trustee is entitled to \$98,204.84 in punitive damages for total damages of \$196,409.68.

COUNT V THEFT

- 36. The Trustee realleges the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 37. Hecker has committed a theft of assets of the bankruptcy estate as detailed in this Complaint.
 - 38. The Trustee may recover treble damages pursuant to Minn. Stat. §548.05.
 - 39. The Trustee is entitled to a judgment for damages, in an amount of \$294,614.52.

COUNT VI INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 40. The Trustee realleges the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 41. Hecker and Rowan may be in the possession or control of assets which are property of the estate.
- 42. The Court's intervention is required so as to prevent the estate from suffering irreparable harm by loss of the property. The harm would be irreparable because a monetary judgment against Hecker, who already has judgments against him exceeding \$200,000,000.00 would be of little value. The same is true as to Rowan as the Trustee already possesses a \$425,000.00 judgment against her.

- 43. The Trustee is entitled to relief of this Court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §105 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 65 (incorporated into this proceeding by Bank. Rule 7065).
- 44. The Trustee requests that the Court enjoin Hecker and Rowan from using, disposing, transferring, encumbering, secreting or destroying any property of the bankruptcy estate.
- 45. The Trustee further requests that the Court mandate that Hecker and Rowan turnover any Prudential or other insurance checks still in their possession and the proceeds from all Prudential and other insurance checks already cashed.
- 46. The Trustee further requests that the Court order Hecker and Rowan to provide a complete accounting of the use of the funds received from the Prudential checks.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Randall L. Seaver, Trustee requests a Judgment of the Court:

- 1. Ordering Hecker and Rowan to immediately turnover and make available to the Trustee all the proceeds of the checks identified in this Complaint and any other checks received by Hecker or Rowan from any estate insurance policies since June 4, 2009, which are property of the estate and to tender to the Trustee all other checks or property which are property of the estate and which are in Hecker's or Rowan's possession or control.
- 2. Enjoining Hecker and Rowan from using, disposing, transferring, encumbering, secreting or destroying any and all estate property, including estate property concealed by Hecker.
- 3. Granting the Trustee an injunction, directing Hecker and Rowan to immediately disclose all estate property in their possession to the Trustee and to allow the Trustee access thereto and further enjoining Hecker and Rowan from using, removing, concealing, disposing of or encumbering or transferring any personal property including all property purchased with money from the cashing of the Prudential checks.

- 4. Ordering Hecker and Rowan to immediately and fully account for their use of the proceeds of the Prudential checks, or other estate property, and to immediately turnover to the Trustee all property purchased with any of the proceeds of the Prudential checks or other estate property.
- 5. Awarding a money judgment against Hecker pursuant to Count III in the amount of \$98,204.84 together with all statutory damages and interest.
- 6. Awarding a money judgment against Hecker pursuant to Count IV in the amount of \$196,409.68 together with all statutory damages and interest.
- 7. Awarding a money judgment against Hecker pursuant to Count V in the amount of \$294,614.52 together with all statutory damages and interest.
 - 8. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

LEONARD, O'BRIEN SPENCER, GALE & SAYRE, LTD.

/e/ Matthew R. Burton

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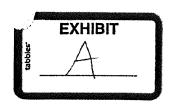
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Dated: October 25, 2010

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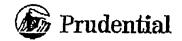
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Use this form to request a policy loan. Please follow these steps:

- 1. Read pages 1 and 2 of this form carefully to understand the effects of a policy loan. Please keep these pages for your information.
- 2. Complete sections I through 7 es appropriete. For help with the Tax Withholding Election and Tax Certification sections, see important Tax information on page 2.
- 3. If we have completed any part of this form for you, please review the accuracy of that information. Make sure the amount authorized on page(a) 3 and/or 4 is correct.
- 4. Sign and date your request in section 8, and return pages 3, 4, and 5 to Prudential.

We will process your request and send a check or a payment confirmation letter.

On these pages, I, you, and your refer to the policyowner. Wa, us, and our refer to the Prudential company that issued the policy.

About Policy Loans

Before taking a policy loan, you should understand the effects of this transaction.

- . Your total death benefit and total cash value will be reduced by your Loan Amount and by any unpaid interest.
- . If you have a variable policy, taking a loan may affect your investment results. If you have an interest-sensitive policy, taking a loan may affect the total amount of interest credited. See your policy for more information.
- . If you surrender your policy, or if your policy ends with no value except as provided by law or the policy itself, or if you shoose to change to reduced paid-up coverage, we may be required to include some or all of the. balance of the loan when reporting a tax gain.

The loan is subject to the terms and conditions contained in your policy and this form. For more information, refer - . to your policy.

- · Your Loan Amount consists of the amount you are requesting for the amount available, il less) plus any Loan Amount with applicable interest already in existence.
- This form is your loan agreement and replaces any prior loan certificate or agreement.
- · Interest will be charged on your Loan Amount.
- . Interest that is not paid each year when it is due will be added to the Loan Amount, and future interest will be charged based on the increased Loan Amount. If the Loan Amount plus interest exceeds the cash value of your policy, the policy will be canceled. You can lower the risk of cancellation by paying the interest due annually.
- You may change your dividend option, if applicable, to help with loan repayment.

If you intend to use or are currently using nonguaranteed policy values, including dividends, to help pay future premiums on your policy, using dividend values to calculate your maximum loan value may dalay the date at which you no longer need to make out-of-pocket premium payments or you may need to resume out-of-pocket premium payments. Further, if you use some or all of your dividend values for a loan, you may not withdraw the dividend values used until the policy's cash value has increased to cover the amount of dividends used for the loan. (See section 3. which provides you the aption of not using dividends to determine your loan value.) Note: Future dividends are not querenteed.

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important Tax Information

This information will help you complete sections 6 and 7, which are required by the Internal Revenue Service. Please read it carefully, if your policy is a qualified policy (for example, issued with a section 401(a), 403(b), or 457 plan), you may receive additional tax information from us. This may delay your request. We have presented this information based on our understanding of tax law. You may wish to consult a tex or legal adviser because neither we nor our representatives can provide tax or legal advice.

Prudential generally must report to its policyowners all payments of taxable income on IRS form 1099. A policy loan generally does not result in taxable income to the policyowner at the time it is taken. Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) will be disqualified as a result of a loan, and the entire cash value of the IRA is reportable to the participant for the year in which the loan is distributed. You may incur a taxable gain if, with an outstanding loan on the policy, you surrender your policy, or if your policy ends with no value except as provided by law or the policy itself, or if you choose to change to reduced paid-up coverage. Loans from a policy classified as a modified endowment contract (MEC) may be considered taxable income and may also be subject to a 10 percent federal penalty tax.

Tax Withholding Election: The following information will help you complete section &

- Federal and state income tax withholding, Federal and some state tax laws require us to withhold income taxes from certain cash payments, such as the taxable portion of a loan on a modified endowment contract (MEC). By signing and deting this form and making no entries to section 5, you can elect not to have any taxes (federal or state) withheld, but you will still be liable for payment of any taxes due. Please check the appropriate boxes if you want to have federal and/or state income taxes withheld. If you request a check to be mailed to a non-U.S. address, you cannot elect out of withholding. Note: Some states require state withholding when federal withholding is elected or required.
- Estimated tax and possible penalties. If you elect to have no income tax withheld from your loan from a modified endowment contract (MEC) or if you do not have enough income tax withheld from your loan from a MEC, you may be responsible for payment of estimated tax. You may incur penalties if your withholding and estimated tax payments are not sufficient. You may be subject to IRS penalties if you fail to provide your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), fail to report taxable interest or dividends on your tax return, or give faise tax information. You may be subject to a 10 percent federal income tax if you are under the age of 59% and your policy is classified as a MEC, a qualified plan or an IRA.

Tax Certification: The following information will help you complete section 7.

- Taxpayer identification manber. You must include your TIN. If the policyowner is an individual, the TIN is the.
 Social Security number. For more information on whose TIN to include, refer to the table below.
- Backup withholding. You must tell us if the IRS has notified you that you are subject to backup withholding, because you did not report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return. You are not subject to backup withholding if either (a) you did not receive such a notice from the IRS, (b) the IRS recently told you that you are no longer subject to a backup withholding order, or (c) you are exempt from such withholding.
- Citizenship. You must indicate if you are not a U.S. person (including resident alien). In that case, you must
 state the country of which you are a citizen and submit the applicable IRS form W-8(BEN, ECI, EXP, IMY). In
 most situations, the IRS form W-SBEN will be the appropriate IRS form W-8.

Use this table to determine whose TIN to include in section 7:

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	Loan amount will be adjusted to cover premium amount(e) plus any applicable income tax withholding. It is not to your advantage to use loans to pay premiums that are not yet due because of loan interest charges.
	If you are sending additional money to pay premium(s) as \$ described above, please indicate the amount here: (Make the check payable to Prudential.)
El Should We	Deler this request. (Does not apply to variable or interest-sensitive policies.)
Defer This Request?	If this request is being made within 28 days of the next policy anniversary, and you went us to defer the transaction until any dividend has been paid, please check the box above. If this request is made more than 28 days before a policy anniversary, we will process without deferring the request. Note: Future dividends are not guaranteed.
6 Tax	If you would like taxes withheld, complete this section. Otherwise, we will not withhold taxes unless required by law.
Withholding	☐ Withhold federal income taxes from the taxable portion of the payment.
Election	☐ Withhold state income taxes from the taxeble portion of the payment.
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- For corporations, an authorized officer must sign. Be sure to include the title of the officer and company name.
 - If president no additional requirements
 - If vice president—for policies over \$1,000,000, provide a Corporate Secretary's statement reflecting the vice president's authority to sign
 - If any other officer provide a corporate resolution
- For partnerships with at least two general partners, two authorized general partners must sign with the title "general permer" after each name (if only one, use "sole general pertner") and include the name of the partnership.
- For sale proprietorships, submit the signature of the owner, followed by "doing business as (company name), a sole proprietorship."
- For trusts, each trustee must sign unless the trust itself or state law provides otherwise. Trustee must include trustee designation (for example, "John Doe, Trustee under Trust Agreement dated 1/1/1998").
- A halder of power of attorney must provide a copy of the power of attorney and include, following his or her signature, the words "Attornay-in-fact for (owner's name)."
- For a policy containing a limitation of rights, the person or entity in whose favor the rights have been limited must also sign.

By signing this form, I (or all owners):

- acknowledge that I have received and read all five pages of this form,
- agree to the request(s) made on this form, which are subject to the terms and conditions of the policy,
- · understand that there may be tax implications as a result of this request,
- · agree that the policy and its present and future benefits are assigned to us as security for the loan,
- represent that no bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings are now pending against me or the assignee and that there is no claim on the policy other than any prior claim I may have,
- agree that this agreement replaces any prior loan certificate or agreement, and
- cartify that if the owner is a corporation or partnership, that it is not under receivership, trusteeship, or conservatorship, and/or has not been dissolved, and if a pertnership, that no notice of disassociation has been filed by any partner.

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Friday, July 16, 2010 4:44 PM

Subject: RE: Hecker

All is taken care of. I will have it delivered to your office on Monday. I am in court until 12:00, and I want to personally sign off, so it will be after then. Have a good weekend.

Barbara J. May 2780 N. Snelling #102 Roseville, MN 55113 651-486-8887 Fax 651-486-8890

Date: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 10:01:36 -0500

From: MBurton@losgs.com To: barbarajmay@hotmail.com

Subject: RE: Hecker

That's about what I heard, too. It might help to get whatever docs came with the check, too.

Thanks. Matt

>>> barbara may <barbarajmay@hotmail.com> 7/16/2010 9:58 AM >>> Wo't know until I see it, but \$30,000?

Date: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 09:21:34 -0500

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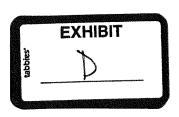
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Thanks, Barbara. Do you know how much it is? Matt

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barbarajmay@hotmail.com> 7/16/2010 9:20 AM >>> If I understand it correctly, a life insurance policy lapsed and died 6 months prior to the bankruptcy

filing. Apparently, the insurance company sent Denny a check for the proceeds which he thought were lost. I will have the funds in my office this afternoon or Monday morning. I am on top of it, and the funds will be surrendered without further complication.

Barbara J. May 2780 N. Snelling #102 Roseville, MN 55113 651-486-8887 Fax 651-486-8890



Date: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 09:03:30 -0500

From: MBurton@losgs.com
To: barbarajmay@hotmail.com

Subject: RE: Hecker

Thanks.

>>> barbara may <barbarajmay@hotmail.com> 7/16/2010 9:02 AM >>> I will deal with it immediately

Date: Fri, 16 Jul 2010 08:49:03 -0500

From: MBurton@losgs.com
To: barbarajmay@hotmail.com

Subject: Hecker

Barbara -

We have heard from a knowledgeable source that Mr. Hecker recently received a check on an insurance claim and deposited the same with 21st Century Bank. We also believe that the check is likely to be an asset of the estate.

Further, the same source indicated that the bank closed Mr. Hecker's account and issued him, or was about to issue him, a check.

Can you please look into the details of this? If the check is a prepetition asset, we would like to address the matter with you (and to protect the funds).

Thanks.

Matthew R. Burton Leonard, O'Brien, Spencer, Gale & Sayre, Ltd. 100 S. 5th St., Ste. 2500 Minneapolis, MN 55402

(612) 332-1030 (work) (612) 455-3929 (fax)

Dawn Proulx

From:

Thomas Dolphin [tpd@21stcenturybank.com]

Sent: ~

Thursday, June 17, 2010 3:52 PM

To:

Brian Toder: Dawn Proulx

Subject:

Hecker Funds

Mr, Toder, Can you please pass to Mr. Hecker what we need. Mr Hecker we need a letter from Wachovia signed by an officer of the bank stating that the check issued by Prudential Insurance Conumbered #N1740164552 in the amount of \$30,000 issued to Dennis E. Hecker has been presented to them and they have accepted that check as authentic and without any deficiencies such as endorsement, stop payment, having been fraudulently presented or being subject to any recall of the those funds by Wachovia for any UCC reason. They can fax the letter to fax number 763-784-9127 or e-mail a copy to tpd@21stcenturybank.com. We will then call the bank officer and verify the letter's authenticity. Short of that we will release funds Monday June 21st by 5pm or once our return items have come back that day for review assuming we don't receive any notice prior to that time for a recall of the funds through normal banking channels.

Mr. Hecker I would acknowledge that of course we can see that we have been credited with the funds through the Federal Resave system. However that credit is subject to recall through that same system by the bank (Wachovia) on behalf of their customer up until 11 business days from the time it was presented. That is why the check is considered on hold and the funds therefore uncollected. The more you try to get us to release the funds early the more suspicious of the transaction we become. The above action could help us to cut through the risk in the system and release the funds to you. I suggest you apply your pressure on that end of the transaction so we can get your money back to you.

Thank you Mr. Toder, Tom Dolphin

Thomas P. Dolphin
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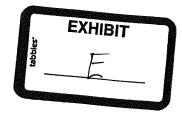
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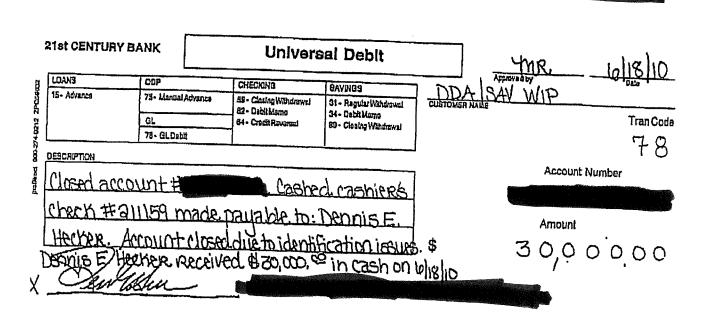
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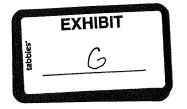
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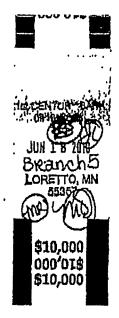
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First: Dennis

Middle: Earl

Address: 1615 Northridge Drive

City: Wayzata

State: MN Phone since: ZIP: 55391

Phone: (612)386-5000

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Height:

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Birthdate: Eye Color:

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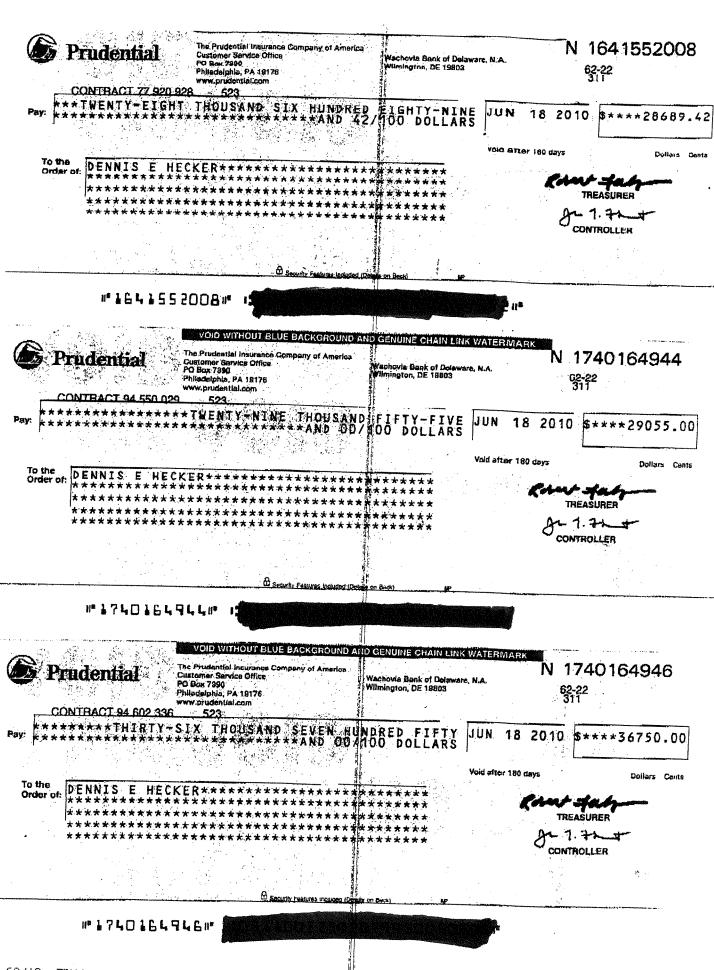
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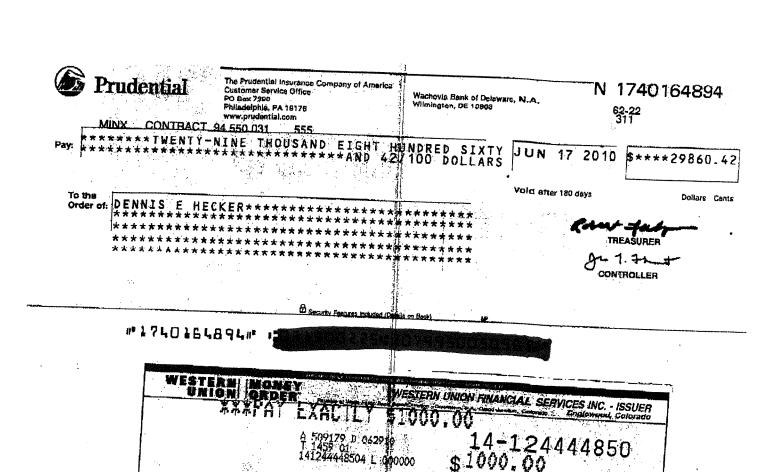


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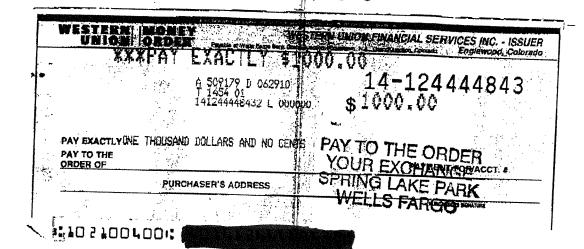


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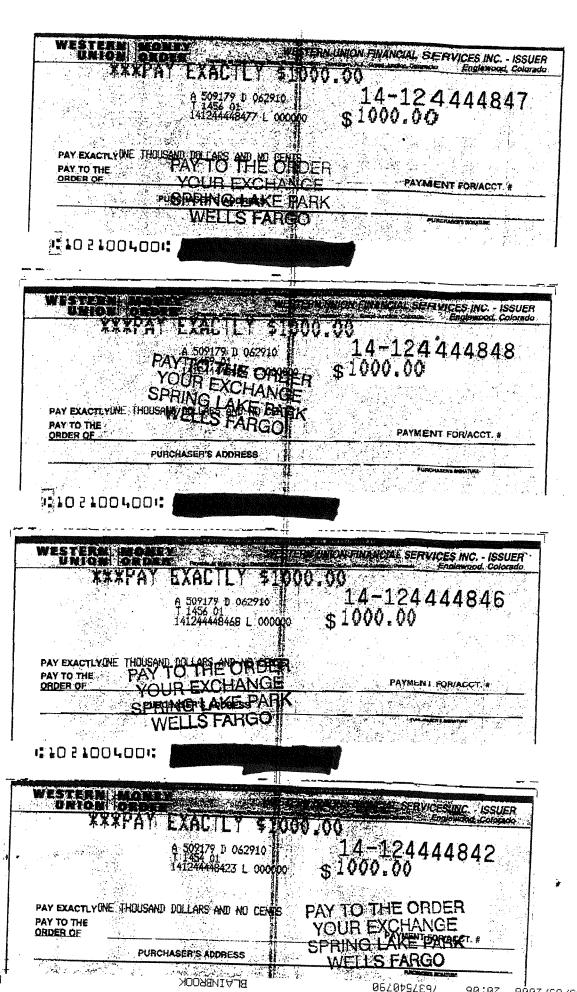
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Middle: Michlle

Address: 1615 Northridge Dr

City: Wayzata

State: MN

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Phone: (763)413-1104

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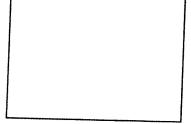
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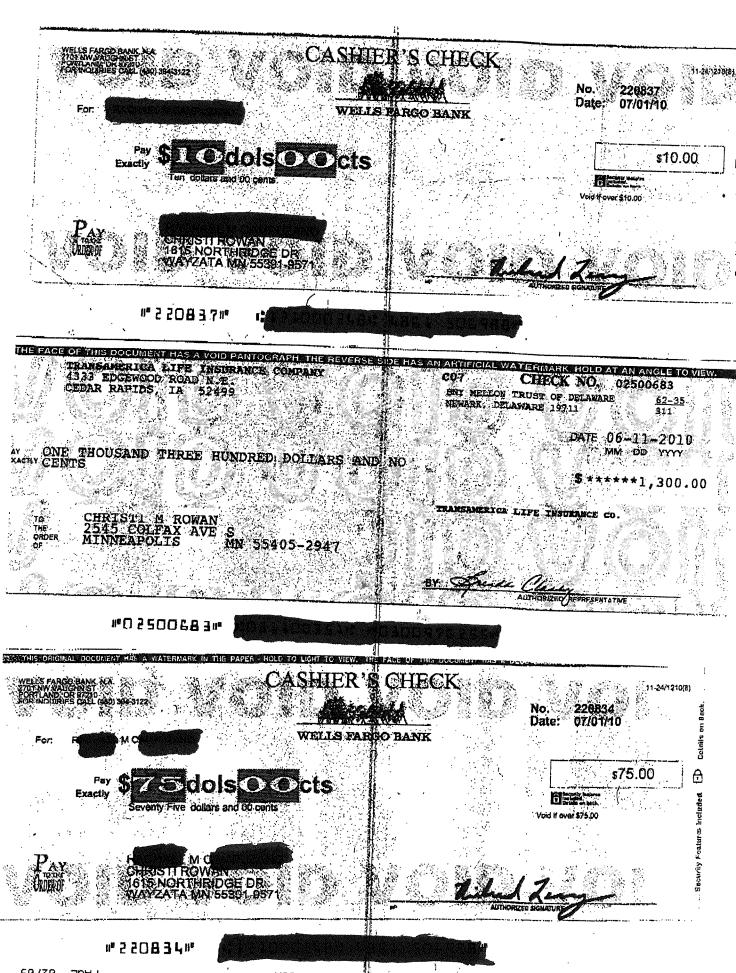




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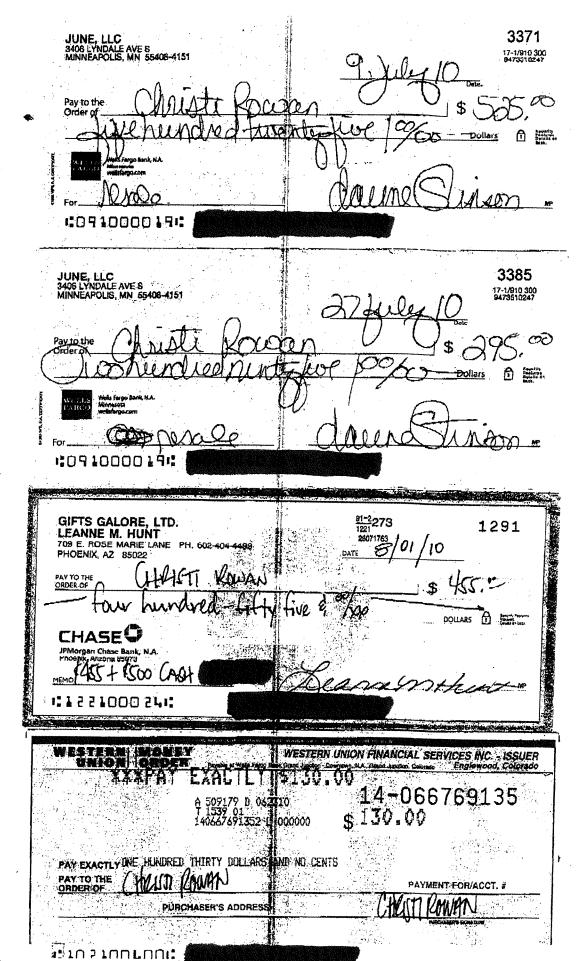
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

United States of America,

Crim. No. 10-32 (JNE/SRN)

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER

Dennis Earl Hecker (01),

Defendant.

Nicole A. Engisch and Nancy E. Brasel, Office of the United States Attorney, 300 South Fourth Street, Suite 600, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415, for Plaintiff United States of America

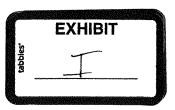
William J. Mauzy, Law Offices of William J. Mauzy, 510 1st Avenue North, Suite 610, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403, for Defendant

SUSAN RICHARD NELSON, United States Magistrate Judge

The above-captioned case comes before the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge on the Supplemental Motion to Withdraw as Attorney filed by William J. Mauzy (Doc. No. 67). This case has been referred to the undersigned for resolution of pretrial matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 and District of Minnesota Local Rule 72.1.

I. BACKGROUND

Mr. Mauzy appeared on behalf of Defendant Dennis Hecker at Mr. Hecker's February 11, 2010 first appearance in federal court on criminal charges. Shortly thereafter, in a United States Bankruptcy Court proceeding involving Mr. Hecker, Chrysler Financial Servs. Americas, LLC v. Dennis E. Hecker, the Honorable Robert J. Kressel ruled that, as a sanction for discovery violations, \$83,070,987 of Chrysler Financial's judgment against Mr. Hecker was not dischargeable in Mr. Hecker's bankruptcy proceedings. (Order of 2/23/2010 at 9-11, Bankr. D.



Minn., File No. 09-5019, Doc. No. 86.)

On March 9, 2010, Mr. Mauzy moved to withdraw from his representation of Mr. Hecker, arguing that, due to the Bankruptcy Court's decision in <u>Chrysler Financial</u>, Mr. Hecker was unable to pay for his services. Mr. Mauzy averred that he had advised Mr. Hecker that he would seek to withdraw if Mr. Hecker was unable to provide compensation for his legal services. (Mauzy Mem. Supp. Mot. Withdraw at 2.)

Mr. Marsh Halberg, an attorney who, along with Mr. Mauzy, had appeared on Mr. Hecker's behalf at Mr. Hecker's first appearance, also moved to withdraw for similar reasons. At the March 10 hearing on the motions of both attorneys to withdraw, the Court granted Mr. Halberg's motion. Mr. Mauzy, however, orally withdrew his motion, indicating that through fund-raising efforts, it appeared that Mr. Hecker would be able to fulfill his financial obligations to Mr. Mauzy.

On March 30, 2010, Mr. Mauzy filed the instant motion, seeking permission to withdraw as counsel. He again cites Mr. Hecker's inability to compensate him as the reason for his request. The Government does not oppose Mr. Mauzy's motion, but argues that should it be granted, that the trial date of October 18, 2010 remain firm. In addition, the Government requests that should Mr. Hecker later secure private counsel through fund-raising efforts or otherwise, that he be required to reimburse the public for the work done by appointed counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(f).

II. DISCUSSION

Under the Local Rules, an attorney who has appeared as the attorney of record in a case cannot terminate the relationship by withdrawal without seeking leave to make a formal

withdrawal of record. D. Minn. L. R. 83.7(a); see also Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 786, 744 (1967). Also under the Local Rules, "withdrawal without substitution may be granted only by a motion made before the Court, for good cause shown." D. Minn. L.R. 83.7(c). This Court views motions of counsel to withdraw as "inherently fact-specific" and considers such motions in the context of the attorney's duties to the Court, to the client and to the profession. Cabo Holdings, LLC v. Engelhart, 07-CV-3524 (PJS/RLE), 2008 WL 4831757, * 3 (D. Minn. Nov. 3, 2008).

This Court has relied upon the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct in making a determination of whether "good cause" has been shown by counsel seeking to withdraw. See Luiken v. Domino's Pizza LLC, 09-CV-516 (DWF/AJB), 2009 WL 4723296 (D. Minn. Dec. 2, 2009). The Minnesota Rules of Professional conduct provide, in pertinent part:

A lawyer may withdraw from representing a client if:

- (5) the client fails substantially to fulfill an obligation to the lawyer regarding the lawyer's services and has been given reasonable warning that the lawyer will withdraw unless the obligation is fulfilled;
- (6) the representation will result in an unreasonable financial burden on the lawyer . . . ; or
- (7) other good cause for withdrawal exists.

Minn. R. Prof. Cond. 1.16(b)(5)-(7). The comments to the Rule further provide that "[a] lawyer may withdraw if the client refuses to abide by the terms of an agreement relating to the representation, such as an agreement concerning fees or court costs" Id. cmt. 8.

While what constitutes "good cause" for withdrawal of counsel is determined on a case-by-case basis, a party's failure to pay attorney's fees has been held to constitute "good cause."

See Cabo Holdings, LLC, 2008 WL 4831757 at *5 (holding that law firm seeking withdrawal

"bears no responsibility, express or implied, to provide gratuitous finances" to the client). In addition to an attorney's stated reason for seeking withdrawal, courts also consider whether the withdrawal will cause the parties any prejudice and whether it will interfere with the prompt administration of justice, such as by causing delay. See Taylor v. Stewart, 20 F.Supp.2d 882, 883 (E.D. Pa. 1998); United States ex rel. Cherry Hill Convalescent Center, Inc. v. Healthcare Rehab Sys., Inc., 994 F.Supp. 244, 252-53 (D. N. J. 1997). Courts likewise consider the effect of withdrawal on whether or not the client will be able to obtain new counsel, particularly in light of the stage and complexity of the litigation, and whether the prosecution of the case will likely be disrupted by the withdrawal of counsel. See Cabo Holdings, LLC, 2008 WL 4831757 at *5; Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians v. Minnesota, 152 F.R.D. 580, 582-83 (D. Minn. 1993).

Here, the Court is persuaded that Mr. Mauzy has demonstrated the requisite showing of good cause. Moreover, Mr. Hecker has been advised that his failure to compensate counsel legal services could result in counsel's withdrawal from representation and Mr. Hecker does not oppose the instant motion. The stage of the litigation is early and Mr. Mauzy's withdrawal will not hinder the prompt administration of justice.

At the hearing held on April 12, 2010 on this motion, the Court inquired of Mr. Hecker's finances, under oath. Mr. Hecker testified that the financial disclosures made in the proceeding before the United States Bankruptcy Court accurately reflect his finances. The Court therefore determined that Mr. Hecker was financially unable to obtain counsel and appointed the Office of the Federal Defender to represent him.¹

Federal Defender Katherian Roe accepted the appointment, but due to a conflict of interest, informed the Court that Brian Toder and the Chestnut Cambronne firm would represent Mr. Hecker pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA"), 18 U.S.C. 3006A.

So that Mr. Mauzy's counsel's withdrawal will not unfairly prejudice the parties, the trial date of October 18, 2010 will remain in place. Additionally, if Mr. Hecker should hereafter retain private counsel, or if it is otherwise determined that funds are available for payment from or on behalf of Mr. Hecker, he shall be required to reimburse the government pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(f) for any attorney's fees or costs already expended by his court-appointed attorney. The Federal Defender's Office will pursue collection of those fees and costs. See 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(f); United States v. Lefkowitz, 125 F.3d 608, 621 (8th Cir. 1997), cert. denied, 523 U.S. 1079 (1998); United States v. Christopher Smith, 05-CR-282 (MJD/JJG), Order Appointing Federal Defender (D. Minn. Aug. 17, 2007), (Doc. No. 404).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- The Supplemental Motion to Withdraw as Attorney filed by William J.
 Mauzy (Doc. No. 67) is **GRANTED**;
- 2. CJA panel attorney Brian Toder and his firm, Chestnut Cambronne, are hereby appointed to represent Defendant from the date of this hearing and for all subsequent proceedings in this matter; and
- 3. If Defendant should hereafter retain private counsel, or if it is otherwise determined that funds are available for payment from or on behalf of Defendant, he shall be required to reimburse the government pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(f) for any attorney's fees or costs already expended by his court-appointed attorney. The Federal Defender's Office will pursue collection of those fees and costs

Dated: April 12, 2010

s/Susan Richard Nelson
SUSAN RICHARD NELSON
United States Magistrate Judge

Matthew Burton - Hecker

From: barbara may <barbarajmay@hotmail.com>

To: Matt Burton <mburton@losgs.com>, barbara may <barbarajmay@hotmail.com>

Date: Thursday, September 02, 2010 4:06 PM

Subject: Hecker

I have mailed out the responses to the Turnover motion.

I have collected \$10,000.00 of the estate's money, and it is aging in my trust account. I have received a call of \$55,000 going into my trust account tomorrow. I have received multiple other calls from people who are making payments, or wiring in funds.

I am sorry that it is slower going this time, but it is a larger amount. I am working it- hard. As soon as I'm not at risk of a deposit bouncing, I will start sending over the funds.

Barbara J. May 2780 N. Snelling #102 Roseville, MN 55113 651-486-8887 Fax 651-486-8890



Matthew Burton - RE: Hecker

From: barbara may <barbarajmay@hotmail.com>

To: Matt Burton <mburton@losgs.com> **Date:** Tuesday, September 07, 2010 8:39 AM

Subject: RE: Hecker

Two checks did not clear, one I had to return.

Barbara J. May 2780 N. Snelling #102 Roseville, MN 55113 651-486-8887 Fax 651-486-8890

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> Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 08:38:05 -0500
 > From: MBurton@losgs.com
 > To: barbarajmay@hotmail.com
 > Subject: Re: Hecker
 > Didn't you already have some deposits to your trust account, though?
 > ----Original Message-----
 > From: barbara may <barbarajmay@hotmail.com>
 > To: Matthew Burton <MRB@losgs.com>
> Sent: 9/7/2010 8:36:16 AM
> Subject: RE: Hecker
>
> Document production was mailed last week, first class, from the Roseville post office. Dollars have fallen through
entirely in light of today's events. Denny's donors have dried up.
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> Barbara J. May
> 2780 N. Snelling #102
> Roseville, MN 55113
> 651-486-8887
> Fax 651-486-8890
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> > Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 08:23:32 -0500
> > From: MBurton@losgs.com
> > To: barbarajmay@hotmail.com
> > Subject: Hecker
> > What is status of money and document production. Have not received docs (although mail has not arrived,
yet).
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Barbara J. May

Licensed in Minnesota and Wisconsin

Attorney at Law

Susan E. Eastman Paralegal Legal Secretary

EXHIBIT

Septmber 16, 2010

RANDY SEAVER 12400 PORTLAND AVE S SUITE 132 BURNSVILLE, MN 55337

Re: HECKER, DENNIS E. 09-50779

Dear Randy,

Thank you for your recent call. You and I have been trying this case by proxy for months, and it was nice to finally hear from you personally.

I have also received your letter of September 13. I understand that you are planning a 2004 deposition, and that you are looking for the ultimate recipient of the liquidated life insurance policies. Mr. Hecker and I agree to attend a 2004 deposition without court order, and we agree to provide whatever help we can to track assets of the estate. I can do most anything with two weeks notice.

You asked me about the \$30,000.00 trust account check I sent to the estate in July, 2010. My client delivered a cash to my office, and I deposited it in my Wells Fargo IOLTA account. I have enclosed my deposit slip. I did not otherwise photocopy the bills.

I also currently have \$15,000 in my trust account from Mr. Hecker. I deposited \$10,000 on July 2, 2010, and \$5000.00 on July 3, 2010. I have enclosed the deposit slips and copies of the checks I deposited. (Please note that one of the deposit slips shows a \$15,000.00 deposit from another client, who deserves her privacy. I have concealed her name. She is not part of the Hecker case.). I was told that the checks I deposited from Mr. Hecker might not be good, and I have been hesitant to draw against those funds. But at this time it has been two weeks, and the funds appear to have cleared. Accordingly, I have enclosed my trust account check for \$15,000.00.

You have also asked Mr. Hecker for a breakdown of how he spent the life insurance policy proceeds. Mr. Hecker has provided me with a handwritten list of places he spent the life insurance proceeds, and I have included it for your files. I believe that Mr. Hecker also put \$1000 into an account with Prudential for each of three of his children.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this case. Please let me know what else you need from me.

Very truly yours,/

Barbara J. May

Attorney at Law

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cc: Denny Hecker cc: Brian Toder cc: Matt Burton

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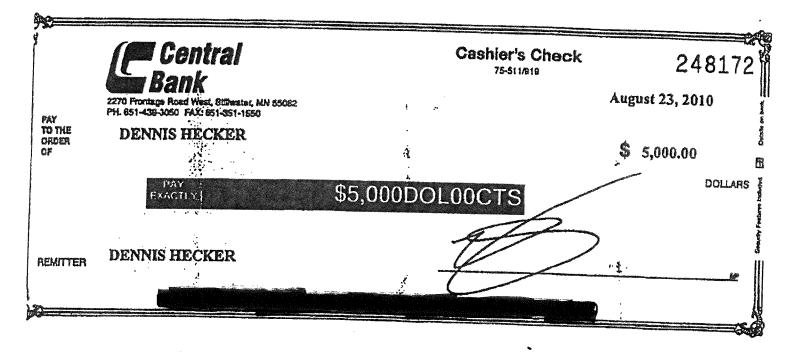
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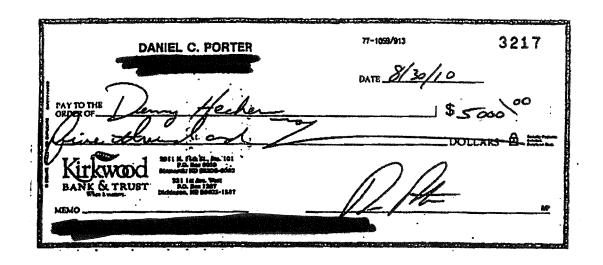
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